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1. AS RECOMMENDED IN REF C., DEPT HAS CONTACTED GTE INTERNATIONAL REGARDING CHADIAN GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO REVIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT. GTE INTERNATIONAL WAS AWARE OF GOC'S RENEWED INTEREST IN PROJECT AS CHADIAN AMBASSADOR ALINGUE HAD APPROACHED GTE INT OFFICE HERE ON SUBJECT. GTE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR MARKETING OF INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS CORPORATION DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH ALINGUE.

2. ACCORDING GTE OFFICIAL HERE, AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH-LEVEL COMPANY OFFICIAL PLANS TO MEET NEXT WEEK WITH FORMIN KAMOUQUE AND DISCUSS COMMUNICATION PROJECT DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. GTE NOW BELIEVES A TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECT IN CHAD WOULD COST LESS THAN FIGURES MENTIONED IN REF B. AS ADVANCES IN EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE ENABLED GTE TO OFFER THE SAME TECHNICAL CAPABILITY IN A SYSTEM AT LESS COST THAN IN 1971 WHEN GTE STUDY ON
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CHAD CONCLUDED.

3. AT SOME TIME IN NEAR FUTURE, GTE PLANS TO SEND EXPERTS
TO CHAD TO UPDATE OR TO DO NEW STUDY. KISSINGER

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